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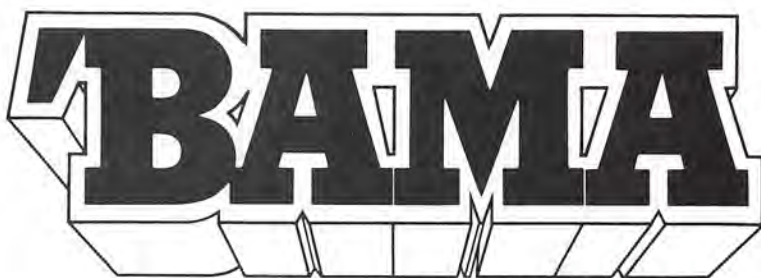
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## Backs And Ends In Alabama

by Kirk McNair

The glamour men of football at any level are almost always the backs and ends. Everyone, it seems, knows about a top runner or passer or receiver because every team, it seems, has at least one. Alabama high schools are certainly no exception and the list of top prep players at these positions is a long one.

Alabama football coaches will be trying to add some of these, starting at 8 a.m. local time February 9, when the national letter-of-intent signings may begin. One must keep in mind that everyone who is a prospect is not necessarily an Alabama prospect, and that Bama may also sign some not on this list. These are the ones who have been most prominently mentioned by various publications and the information on them was provided by the players, their coaches or another publication, not by University of Alabama staffers. Preppers are listed in alphabetical order.

**Chester "Leon" Atkinson** is a 6-1, 170-pound running back for coach Howard Busby at Monroe County in Monroeville. He runs a 4.6 40-yard dash and bench presses 310 pounds. His top game saw him collect 129 yards on 15 carries, but he has also earned honors for his defensive play as an end. He also had a game in which he rushed for 81 yards and caught five passes for 137. He also participates in basketball and has been a captain in both sports. His favorite college athlete is Walter Lewis.

**Cornelius Bennett**, 6-3, 218, is a fullback for coach Steve Savarese at Ensley in Birmingham. He runs a 4.5 40 and is also an outstanding defensive player who has seen duty at every position except safety. And prior to late last season he was a tight end on offense. He led Ensley to the state playoffs with 1,066



Paul Bennett

yards on 99 carries, a 10.8 average, and 15 touchdowns. Among his top games was a 134-yard performance in the region championship victory.

**Paul Bennett**, 5-11½, 190, is a running back for coach W. C. Majors at Fairhope. He runs a 4.6, benches 270. He went over the 1,000-yard mark as a junior, the first area player to accomplish that feat since former Tider Keith Pugh. This is his third year in football and he has also played baseball and was state weightlifting champ. He was all-state as a junior at Monroe Academy as he rushed 167 times for 1,146 yards and 13 touchdowns.

**Scott Bolton**, 6-0, 180, is a running back for coach Curt Douglas at Theodore. He runs a 4.4, benches 280. Scott is an outstanding track performer, who took second in the long jump in the Florida Relays last year, and an honor student. His top performance this year was rushing for 185 yards on 19 carries, making three pass receptions for 65 yards, completing a 45 yard touchdown pass and

kicking a 38 yard field goal. He has over 1,700 career rushing yards.

**Alvin Briggs**, 6-0, 176, is a quarterback and defensive back for coach Wayne Woodham at Greenville. He runs a 4.42, benches 265. He has also seen duty at wide receiver during his career and had a top game of 119 yards receiving. As a defensive back he has had two games in which he turned in three interceptions, but his biggest thrill came as a freshman when he intercepted a pass by T. R. Miller quarterback Walter Lewis. He also runs track and plays basketball.

**Eric Brooks**, 6-1, 185, is a quarterback and punter for coach Paul Parvin at Johnson in Huntsville. He runs a 4.65, benches 220. His top game this year included 259 yards and three touchdowns passing, 113 yards and one touchdown rushing, total offense of 372 yards. He has also lettered in basketball and baseball. His sister is a member of the Rebellettes dance team at Ole Miss. His favorite college athletes include Walter Lewis.

**Britton Cooper**, 6-0, 178, is a quarterback and safety for former Tider Bobby Jackson at UMS in Mobile. He runs a 4.6, benches 260. His father and uncle played football at Livingston, while his brother Lee plays at Marion. He is far and away the leading passer in the Mobile area this year, having averaged over 100 yards per game. As a sophomore and junior he played at Robertsedale, yet he's permanent captain at UMS. He's also earned track letters as a sprinter.

**Tommy Compton**, 6-1, 175, is a quarterback for coach Harold Clark at Vigor in Prichard. He runs a 4.4, benches 220. Tommy is captain of his team and a four-year starter. He earned back of the week honors in Mobile in his freshman year and last year tied Auburn freshman



**Terry Fields**



**Kerry Goode**



**Tift Lyons**

Pat Washington as the all-region quarterback. His top game saw him rush 11 times for 110 yards and hit eight of 12 passes for 118 yards. He has career statistics of over 6,000 yards.

**Alan Dial**, 6-2, 175, is a safety for coach Johnny Ingram at Anniston. He runs a 4.5, benches 225. He's a three-year starter who has been all-everything. He has also seen spot duty as a tailback and had 165 yards rushing in one game. He had five interceptions as a junior, but is not being challenged this year and so has only one. Alan is also a track sprinter and has played basketball. He's a member of the Beta Club with a 3.5 academic average.

**Terry Fields**, 6-1, 160, is a wide receiver at Anniston and also sees duty at cornerback. He runs a 4.6, benches 160. His top game saw him catch three passes for 75 yards and one touchdown and turn in an interception that set up another score. He also kicks extra points. Terry also plays basketball and is a quarter-miler and miler on the track team. Walter Lewis is his favorite collegiate player.

**Jimmy Findley**, 6-2, 225, is a fullback for coach Steve McCord at Holtville in Deatsville. He runs a 4.9, benches 360. His top performance saw him pick up 63 yards, including a 22-yard touchdown, in just five carries. He's also lettered in baseball and track and is football captain.

**Andrew Gilder**, 6-1, 205, is a running back for coach Jimmy Foshee at Stanhope Elmore in Millbrook. He runs a 4.6, benches 400. He was all-state as a junior. His top game this year saw him rush for three touchdowns and 205 yards. Walter Lewis is his favorite college player. Andrew also sees duty at linebacker. His cousin, Curtis Zeigler, played at Southern Miss.

**Kerry Goode**, 6-0, 185, is a tailback and cornerback for coach David Hogan at Hazlewood in Town Creek. He runs a 4.5, benches 220. He rushed for 995 yards on just 83 carries as a junior and was averag-

ing over 100 yards per game this year despite sharing playing time. He had 18 touchdowns and averaged 7.4 yards per carry. He's also earned three letters each in basketball and track. Several relatives have played college football.

**Steve Hartley**, 6-1, 220, is a fullback for coach Mac Champion at Mary Montgomery in Semmes. He runs a 4.8, benches 260. He also plays linebacker. His top game saw him rush for 160 yards, pass for 56 and return kickoffs for 75, earning him Player of the Week. He punts, kicks off, kicks extra points and field goals, and fills in at quarterback when needed.

**Myron Horton**, 6-4½, 187, is a split end for coach Wayne McNutt at Scottsboro. He also plays tight end and defensive end. He runs a 4.7, benches 235. His top game saw him make three touchdown receptions. Myron has also lettered in basketball and baseball.

**Marvin Humphries**, 6-2, 205, is a strong safety for coach Charles Lee at Jeff Davis in Montgomery. He runs a 4.6, benches 295. He isn't often challenged by the pass, but he led his team in tackles this year. He earned Player of the Week by turning in an intercepted pass and blocked punt to set up two touchdowns. He's also earned letters in basketball and track. His brother Paul plays at Chattanooga. Eddie Lowe is his favorite college player.

**Danny James**, 6-0, 189, is a tailback and strong safety for coach Randy Ryan at Hale County in Moundville. He runs a 4.6, benches 270. He has had several 200-yard rushing games, with a best game of 209 yards rushing, two touchdowns, 14 tackles, a fumble recovery and a blocked field goal to preserve the win. His cousin is pro star John Stallworth.

**Arthur Johnson**, 6-3, 193, is a tailback and cornerback for coach Larry Simmons at Thompson in Alabaster. He runs a 4.6, benches 270. Arthur was generally regarded as Alabama's top prep prospect

going into this season. He did not respond well to knee surgery and missed much of this year, but rushed for almost 2,000 yards as a junior and 1,700 as a sophomore. In the opening state playoff game he had eight rushes for 61 yards and a key pass interception. He's also outstanding in basketball, baseball and track.

**Billy Knighten**, 6-1, 185, is a punter for coach Charles Sikes at Lanier in Montgomery. He's a three-year all-city performer. He averaged 41.3 yards per punt as a soph, 41.5 as a junior and 40.9 as a senior with a long punt of 59 yards.

**Dante Knox**, 5-10, 177, is a tailback and cornerback for coach Waldon Tucker at Gordo. He runs a 4.5, benches 300. He's led Gordo to the state playoffs two years in a row. His top game saw him rush for 230 yards and four touchdowns. In a one-point victory he scored both of his team's touchdowns. He's also a top basketball player. Dante was 2A Player of the Year as a junior.

**Tift Lyons**, 5-10, 170, is a wingback and cornerback for coach Bobby Jackson at UMS in Mobile. He runs a 4.8, benches 275. As a longtime soccer player, he's also an outstanding placekicker and had three field goals, one 46 yards, to win a game. His top game receiving had him making six catches for 146 yards and two touchdowns. He was named hardest worker in the Marty Lyons football camp. As a junior he had 42 receptions for 627 yards.

**David McKinney**, 6-3, 195, is a quarterback and strong safety for his father, coach Ken McKinney, at Stevenson. He runs a 4.8, benches 255. He's a three-sport athlete who has led his football, basketball and baseball teams to state playoffs for three years. His top game saw him hit 14 of 22 passes for 211 yards and two touchdowns. In another game he ran for three touchdowns, passed for one. He comes from a long line of college athletes.



Carlos Robinson

**Lydell Mitchell**, 6-3, 196, is a safety and tight end for coach Harold Clark at Vigor in Prichard. He runs a 4.6, benches 260. He's a three-year starter who has earned numerous honors as a defensive back, including all-region as a junior. He is also an outstanding student. He's turned in more than 80 tackles this year. His top game was five catches for 88 yards and eight tackles. He also kicks extra points and punts for a 37-yard average. He also plays basketball and is a track sprinter.

**Chad Morrison**, 6-2, 190, is a split end and safety for coach Gary McDonald at Brooks in Killen. He runs a 4.68, benches 235. His top game saw him make three catches, two of them for touchdowns, for 88 yards. He's also an outstanding 400 meters man in track.

**Kenneth Parham**, 6-0, 180, is a quarterback for coach Steve Savarese at Ensley in Birmingham. He runs a 4.6, benches 250. He was injured in the first game of the season, but came back to lead his team into the state playoffs. He hit seven of 11 passes for 168 yards and two touchdowns in the region winning game. He is captain of his team.

**Mike Parker**, 6-1, 210, is a fullback for coach Ed Reed at Central in Tuscaloosa. He runs a 4.6, benches 310. Although he does not get the ball often in Central's Notre Dame box offense, he rushed for over 900 yards, including a 201-yard effort in his top game. He's a three-year starter and also a sprinter and jumper in track.

**Greg Richardson**, 5-9, 168, is a flanker and safety for coach Fred Burks at Williamson in Mobile. He runs a 4.4, benches 230. He scored four touchdowns in one game—two pass receptions, a 75-yard run and a 72-yard punt return, and had eight receptions for 264 yards and one touchdown in another game. He's also a top track sprinter.

**Carlos Robinson**, 5-11½, 190, is a running back for coach Bill Bacon at Enterprise. He runs a 4.7, benches 380. His top game saw him rush for 116 yards,

get 72 yards in passes and score four touchdowns. He also kicks off into the end zone and averages 42.3 yards per punt. He's been player of the week twice this year in leading his team to the state playoffs.

**Rodger Robinson**, 5-8, 165, is a running back and cornerback for coach Terry Burt at Elmore County in Eclectic. He runs a 4.5, benches 280. His top game this year saw him rush for 156 yards on 10 carries, score three touchdowns and add a 57-yard punt return. In his second game as a sophomore he rushed 14 times for 200 yards and three touchdowns and returned a punt for another score. He also participates in baseball, basketball and track.

**David Smith**, 5-11, 165, is a tailback and safety for coach Joe Wilson at Opelika. He runs a 4.4, benches 220. David's top game saw him score touchdowns on runs of 1, 82 and 90 yards. He's also a basketball and track performer. His brother, Darryl, plays at North Alabama.

**Tim Smith**, 6-1, 170, is a split end and cornerback for coach Harold Garrett at Vincent. He runs a 4.6, benches 185. He has a best game of three receptions, all for touchdowns, and 123 yards. His biggest thrill was making a game winning reception with one second to play. He's also lettered in baseball and basketball. Jesse Bendross is his favorite college player.

**Angelo Stafford**, 6-5½, 195, is a quarterback for coach Santee Gamble at Blount in Prichard. He runs a 4.4, benches 190. Angelo is tied for the all-time longest pass in any league, a 99-yard touchdown completion. His top game saw him pass for 245 yards, rush for 95 and account for three touchdowns. He's also an outstanding basketball player.

**Mike Tease**, 6-0, 187, is a tailback and free safety for coach John Inman at Bradshaw in Florence. He runs a 4.5, benches 295. His brother, Christian, plays at Troy State. Mike is a three-year starter, and also plays baseball. His top game saw him rush for 231 yards and three touchdowns. His favorite college player is Jeremiah Castille.

**Ron Toner**, 5-11, 190, is a 5-11, 190 tailback and cornerback for coach Garner Ezell at Lexington. He runs a 4.47, benches 300. Ron earned all-state mention as a soph and was all-state last year. He's had over two dozen games in which he has rushed for over 150 yards in his career. He's a four-year starter whose team has made the state playoffs three times. He's also lettered in track, baseball and basketball. His top game saw him



Ron Toner

rush for 239 yards. In another game he scored all five of his team's touchdowns. Walter Lewis is his favorite college player.

**Garry Waiters**, 5-11, 190, is a quarterback for coach Danny Matherson at Akron. He runs a 4.8. Garry is a three-time all-state performer who has career statistics of over 4,500 yards passing, 3,000 yards rushing as a four-year starter. He also punts for over a 42-yard average and handles his team's placekicking duties. He is also an honor student. Garry also plays basketball and baseball.

**Ricky Wells**, 5-10, 172, is a running back for coach Paul Terry at Carroll of Ozark. He runs a 4.6, benches 290. Ricky was all-state as a junior and has averaged over 100 yards per game as a senior. He went over the 1,000 yard mark in rushing as a junior. He's a three-year starter. Ricky's top game was a 277-game performance. He averages over five yards per carry. He's also a track sprinter and basketball player.

**Charles Wilson**, 6-1, 215, is a fullback and tailback for coach Harold Clark at Vigor in Prichard. He runs a 4.7, benches 280. He's a two-year starter, although he had an injury as a junior. He's averaged over seven yards per carry in picking up over 1,100 yards rushing this year. His top game saw him get 177 yards on 17 carries in only one half of play.

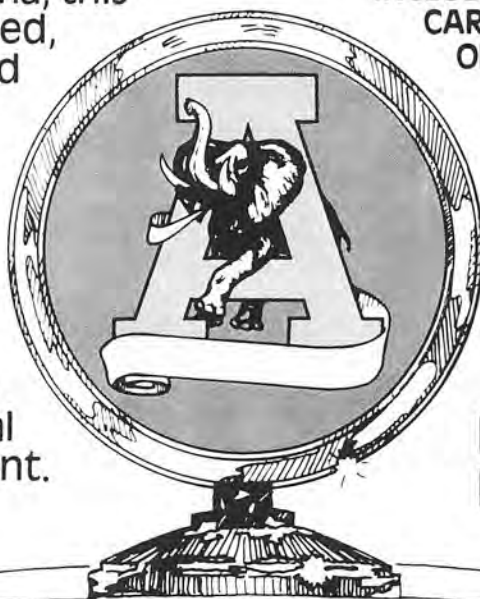
**John Wright**, 5-11, 194, is a tailback and cornerback for coach Santee Gamble at Blount in Prichard. He runs a 4.45, benches 275. John's best game was really only half a game as he rushed 13 times for 161 yards and one touchdown. He also had a game of eight carries for 122 yards. John is also a top track man.

**Rick Yates**, 6-1, 185, is a quarterback for coach Davis Brock at Carver in Montgomery. He runs a 4.8. He passed for over 1,100 yards as a junior. Rick is also his team's punter, averaging over 42 yards per punt. His top game saw him pass for 180 yards and two touchdowns. He also plays basketball and baseball.

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## Women's Athletics:

# Patti Rice Starts Over...Again

by Gay Sievers

On Jan. 14, 1983, she'll dress for her first college meet, 15 months since she last competed in gymnastics. She's starting over after being at the top.

Patti Rice began gymnastics in her hometown of Johnstown, Pennsylvania at the age of 10. She worked her way up through Class III, Class II, Class I into the Elites at 15.

She was vaulting during the winter of her 16th year when she broke her ankle. When the six weeks of healing was over, so were the big championships.

She started over. At 17, she placed 12th all-around and second on vault in the U.S. National Championship which qualified her for the U.S.A team.

After trips to Japan for the T.B.S. Cup and a stop in Hawaii to compete against the team from China, she signed at Penn State for her college career.

In September, 1981, before she ever competed for the Nittany Lions, she chipped, fractured and dislocated her elbow while vaulting.

"This was the hardest injury I've ever seen," said Alabama's five-year coach Sarah Patterson. "Not only the injury itself, but the timing of it. She was at the peak of her performance.

"Patti had a good summer in the Sports Festival, at the national championship and in international competition. She was looking forward to her college career, then she hurt that elbow. She had to start over."

In January, 1982, Rice transferred to Alabama. She spent the next four months in rehabilitation.

"After the injury, I was not allowed to do anything, not even run, for three months. For three more months, I could do no gymnastics.

"I spent three hours a day in the training room for rehab, then I moved to the weight room and peeked through the doors at the team practicing.

"In April, I got back to the gym. I had to re-learn everything, because I had grown during that time and my center of gravity, timing, everything was different," said the effervescent athlete.



Patti Rice

Now she's ready for competition and no one's more excited than Rice.

"Gymnastics is fascinating. There is always more to learn. No matter how much you can do or how good you are there is always more. It's never stable, you can't get bored."

Be it not for her exceptional personality and a lot of determination, the past 15 months could have ended her gymnastics career.

"Rehab was very frustrating, but sitting out that year helped me grow up as a person and I realized everything is not always as you want it to be," says Rice.

"The early days of practice were frustrating, because they wanted me to be so cautious. But when they measured my arms, the hurt one was bigger than my good arm and it was stronger, too.

"Strength and endurance are the big questions now," said the business major. "I can do all the tricks in my routines, but can I do them together in the routine."

Coach Patterson, who led the Tide squad to a second place in the 1982 AIAW National Championship, is not worried about the tricks or Rice's ability to perform the routines. She's concerned about her competitive edge.

"Getting Patti competitively tough again is the task now," said Patterson. "Patti is not a natural gymnast. She's done exceptionally well to re-learn her tricks with good techniques and has shown great determination.

"But her competitive confidence is lacking. She knew what she was scoring, now she wonders can she score that again.

"We feel she's the type of person to drive herself to the high level of competition she attained in 1981. She wants to prove herself again and that drive will keep her going."

Of the four events in gymnastics, vaulting is Rice's favorite, even though that's the one on which she suffered two injuries.

"My handspring front is my favorite move," she said. "And bars is my least favorite now, it used to be beam. The bars are tough, because they require a swing-

ing movement and I'm not a swing person. I have to muscle my way through the routine and with my body changes, it takes more muscle."

Balance beam is not bothersome, because it was the first piece of apparatus the trainers let her work last spring.

"We spent hours on the beam, so I'm not surprised her confidence level is high," said Patterson.

"She's a powerful vaulter and bars would be the toughest for her. She did not like dance, but we spent a lot of time on dance during her rehab, so she's more comfortable with her new style and has adjusted to it well. Her optional tricks on floor are great."

When asked what separates her from other gymnasts, she quickly answered, "My triple full on floor." That's a TRIPLE FULL TWIST. Rice is one of only two gymnasts in the country to perform this trick.

"I don't think a triple full has ever been performed in a college meet," said Patterson. "It will be nice for Patti to be the first."

Rice only knows of one other person who does a triple and she's younger than the Tide's first elite gymnast. "In my senior elite year, there was only one other gymnast to do a triple and she was a junior elite. But I want to do what will help the team."

That's not a trite statement according to Patterson. "Patti is so team oriented that she'd be devastated if she let them down," said her coach. "She's got the biggest heart I've ever coached, and she has the best personality of any athlete I've worked with."

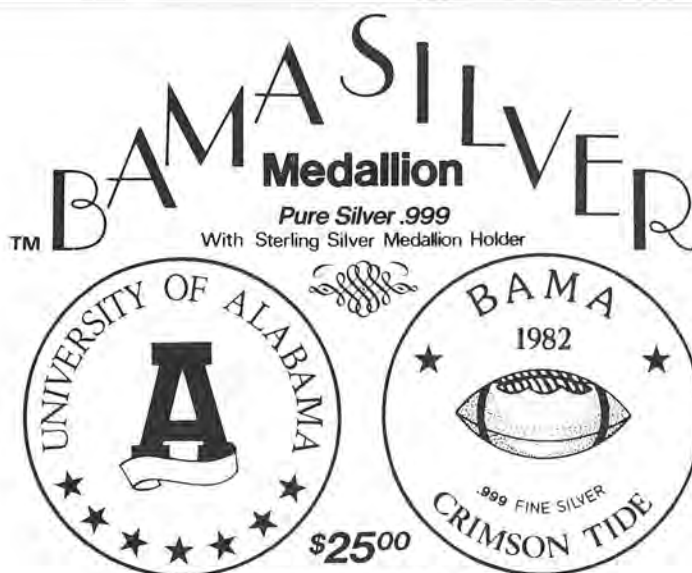
"She's an example of the type gymnast we have and the mold we like to create for Alabama gymnastics."

Rice has dubbed herself a 'freshmore.' "I don't have to make the adjustments of my first year at school, like the freshmen do, because I was here last spring. I'm a sophomore in academics, but a freshman in competition."

"Had Patti been able to compete last year, she would have won the all-around title at the NCAA," stated Patterson. "That would have been a significant step in her career."

"But she had the legs knocked out from under her at the peak of her career. That peak will be hard to recapture."

Don't count a trip to Japan as a member of the U.S.A. team the pinnacle of her total career. With her talent and determination, if she or the team won a national championship, then starting over for Patti would have been worth it.



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# A Learning Experience

by Kirk McNair

Once upon a time there was an easy way to evaluate the freshmen members of a football team because they were playing a freshman football schedule. And there was great interest among fans in the progress of those freshmen. Then, in the early 1970s, the rules of college football were changed for the first time since the early 1950s, allowing freshmen to once again take part in varsity competition. Then the interest changed to those freshmen who were able to contribute to the varsity, and even the best of teams (such as Alabama) got freshman help. Most of the other freshmen were thrown into a junior varsity program of walk-ons and down-the-line varsity players and prepared for a sophomore season of either participating or being redshirted. In 1978 the NCAA allowed, for that one season, the redshirting of freshmen. At Alabama the result was 19 of 26 signees being redshirted. Five years later, freshmen are again being redshirted—in Alabama's case 17 of 21 new signees. And it's difficult to assess the progress of a freshman who is not participating in either varsity or junior varsity football while being redshirted.

Bama's freshmen of 1978 have made a considerable contribution to the Crimson Tide football program. Of the 19 who were

redshirted four chose to leave Alabama and four others had careers cut short by injury. The 11 who remain include two-time All-America Tommy Wilcox, five others who have received all-star notice (Robbie Jones, Joe Beazley, Mike Pitts, Jackie Cline and Bob Cayavec) and five others who have been either starters or top reserves (Gary Bramblett, Josh Henderson, Scott Homan, Jerrill Sprinkle and Charlie Williams).

Four of this year's freshmen class saw duty with the Crimson Tide varsity, indeed more and more playing time as the season went along. Venson Elder at fullback and Jon Hand at defensive tackle were first team members of specialty units and strong reserves at their regular positions. Larry Roberts moved into a top reserve spot at tight end. Joe Smith possibly could have been redshirted, but Tide coaches decided they did not want to go into the season with only three wide receivers (particularly since all three—Joey Jones, Jesse Bendross and Darryl White—are so small), and so Smith was given early work in varsity games.

There are considerable adjustments to be made from high school to college, adjustments in football as well as in academics and other aspects of college

life. This group of Tide freshmen, as most that have gone before at Alabama and elsewhere, found the primary football difference to be the speed, size and skill of college football players. "I would say the speed factor has been the biggest adjustment," says Wes Neighbors. "The first day of practice I was at linebacker against the first offense. The first play Walter (Lewis) dropped back to pass and I dropped back about five yards into my zone. When I looked up I saw Joey Jones catching the ball in the end zone. I'd gone five yards and he had gone fifty."

Whether they wish to admit it or not, all of the Tide freshmen are also having to make the adjustment of going from high school star to a college player who is barely known by the public. Even though they are spending this year out of the sports limelight, the freshmen are certainly not forgotten by their coaches. There is a danger of a redshirted player, who is not being counted on for a game each week, falling into bad habits through lack of daily instruction. To guard against that, the redshirted players are included in basic practice plans and also given extra attention in occasional extra work periods. The redshirts are not necessarily members of the scout team (which does not ordinarily use the Alabama offense and/or defense), but also see practice duty with the varsity.

The freshmen have also been exposed to a heavy dose of weightroom work with the result that almost to a man they are stronger than when they arrived at Alabama. Tide coaches feel the strength program, along with learning of fundamentals, will have long range benefits for this freshman class. And while no football player ordinarily looks forward to spring training, this year's class sees spring work as a chance to earn a niche with the Crimson Tide.

Todd Wilkins, quarterback from Lee of Jacksonville, Florida, elected to leave the team late this season. He had been injured part of the year. His strong suit is passing.

**H**ere is a brief look at the progress made during 1982 by the 20 Bama freshmen:

Chester Braggs, running back from Greensboro, has been a pleasant surprise coming out of a relatively weak league. He's stayed healthy and learned quickly and has good speed and quickness.

Venson Elder, fullback from Atlanta Towers, moved up to second team status at fullback, but there could be another position (linebacker, defensive end, tight end) in his future. At 237 pounds and running a 4.65 40 he's an outstanding prospect.

Joe Godwin, defensive end from New Brockton, suffered through hand and knee injuries this fall, but showed he is a hard-nosed football player.

Rusty Grimmett, defensive end from Tennessee Military Institute, went through spring training but has really come much further this fall, getting bigger and better.

Jon Hand, defensive tackle from Sylacauga, falls into the "can't miss" category. He's quick, strong, intelligent and has an excellent attitude.

Desmond Holoman, linebacker from Hampton, Virginia, is not big, but he's a hitter who works hard and is getting stronger and bigger (up 10 pounds to 200).

Rodney Jarmón, defensive back-quarterback from Florence Coffee, is going to help Alabama somewhere. He has split practice time at safety and quarterback and gets top marks at both spots.

David "Hoss" Johnson, offensive tackle from Huntsville Butler, is a fast learner who has size and ability. He is able to perform some of the more difficult techniques Bama expects of offensive linemen.

Shon Lee, strong safety-quarterback from Prattville Deatsville, doesn't have blistering speed, but he's a Wilcox-type, smart and steady.

Wes Neighbors, linebacker-noseguard from Huntsville, had an ankle injury and pneumonia and now probably faces a



**Venson Elder (32) saw varsity duty during his freshman year as a fullback, but could wind up on the other side of the line during spring drills. He's got ability to play any of several positions.**

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position change to center in the spring.

Gary Otten, offensive guard from Huntsville Lee, surprised Bama coaches with a good competitive spirit he didn't show as a prep. He has size and ability.

John Pemberton, running back from Atlanta Woodward, hurt a knee early and bruised a shoulder late, but showed a great deal of promise. His 9.7 speed in the 100 makes him one of Bama's fastest players.

Larry Roberts, tight end from Dothan Northview, moved up to second team status late in the year despite making some typical freshman mistakes. He has size, speed and talent but needs to be stronger and more sound from a technical standpoint.

Freddie Robinson, defensive back from Mobile Davidson, was hampered with injuries to his ankle and back, but showed late in the fall he can play cornerback.

Derrick Slaughter, linebacker from Birmingham Banks, will also get a look at other positions in the spring. He was hampered by a hip pointer in the fall, but

when freshmen were working both ways he showed talent as a tight end.

Joe Smith, wide receiver from Mobile Murphy, is a real hustler who has worked hard to improve in areas that are difficult for a split end, such as downfield blocking.

Mike Spencer, linebacker from Coral Springs, Florida, missed work early in the year with a bruised shoulder but has gotten stronger and made good progress.

Cliff Thomas, noseguard from Brandon of Pearl, Mississippi, broke his ankle on the first day of contact work, but the time hasn't been wasted. He's been involved in the weight program and in film meetings. The spring will be important for him.

Kevin Welniak, offensive guard and tackle from Fort Walton Beach, Florida, is a hustler with a great attitude about practice, the type player that usually makes his way into the Tide depth chart.

Vernon Wilkinson, defensive back from Enterprise, did well when he was able to practice, but missed much work with a hamstring pull. He's ticketed for duty at cornerback.

# Alabama Swimming and Diving:

## Another Year Of Excellence

by Laurie Kiely

Swimming and diving training is consistently grueling. The dedication of the successful athlete begins in childhood and persists throughout his competitive years. The year-round efforts of these college athletes go relatively unnoticed in comparison to those of their classmates whose chosen sports are historically more visible and conducive to spectator attention. However, through the years, the swimmers, divers, and coaches at the University of Alabama, have capitalized on talent, devotion, and perseverance, and have established a program which has gained and maintained national prominence.

The Crimson Tide swimming and diving team, although incredibly talented and polished, could not have reached its heights of the past or its potential for the future without the guidance of head men's and women's coach Don Gambril and diving coach Bob Webster. Coach Gambril and coach Webster, among the best in the world in their fields, both have Olympic blood. Gambril, who served as a United States Olympic assistant coach on four occasions, was recently elected as the head men's and women's coach for the 1984 Olympic team. Coach Webster, whose coaching expertise stems in part from his personal successes, was the gold medal winner in platform diving at both the 1960 and 1964 Olympics. These men are ably assisted by associate head women's coach Maura Costin, and assistant coaches Torsten Buhre, Brian Gordon, Jack Ryan, Zhu Oh Hahn of the Republic of China, and Tim Norris, a former Tide All-American swimmer.

It is the motivation and direction of the Tide coaches which drives these athletes through strenuous, and sometimes tedious, workouts beginning in September

and extending through the March NCAA Championships when the collegiate season ends. These athletes remain on campus during the Thanksgiving holidays and during most of Christmas vacation, when training becomes the most intense. Training does not end for most of the swimmers at the conclusion of the collegiate season. Most of them continue training throughout the remainder of the school year and in the summer as they prepare for USA swimming and diving nationals and trials for other international competitions.



Ellen McGrath

The training schedule of the swimmers, both men and women, is unlike any other sport. During the week the Alabama swimmers participate in 10 two-hour water workouts and three weight training workouts. It is mandatory that they swim in the morning workouts which begin at 6 a.m. or 7 a.m. depending on the times of their first classes. While the rest of the campus is sleeping, the swimmers are working on

their week's total of approximately 60,000 yards which is about 35 to 40 miles per week of water work. After a day of classes, they return to the pool or the weight room for more rigorous training.

"The men and women train the same way. I have always believed that since they both are swimming the same events it is necessary that they swim the same distances," explains coach Gambril. "Because the women are a bit slower than the men they may take off at a different time during a set but their interval is the same so they have the same yardage and rest for the same period of time."

Life is no easier for the Webster-coached divers. During the school year the divers spend two hours each afternoon in the water. In September and October their morning practices consist of 45 minutes of individual instruction on the trampolines, swinging from belts as they learn new tricks and practice all the stunts they will attempt off the boards. In November, the morning workouts are changed to intensive water workouts.

The men and women, the swimmers and divers, all work toward the goal of team, as well as, individual excellence. This task has been made easier with the existence of the new Aquatic Center which houses a 25-yard by 50-meter pool and two one-meter and three-meter diving boards, a five-meter tower, and a ten-meter tower. The center, now in its third season of use has made training more efficient.

"The new pool has made it possible for me to coach both the men and the women because they are able to train at the same time," says coach Gambril. "There isn't enough time in the day or energy in a person to coach the teams separately. I feel I

can give all my attention and enthusiasm to all the swimmers when they are in the pool together. The coaching staff's energies are better directed with the men and women together and it helps team unity."

In the mornings, the swimmers are able to have longcourse workouts because of the availability of the 50-meter dimension, something which did not exist in the old pool. The divers have also benefitted from the new facility in that it is one of the few pools in the southeast equipped with towers. Although tower diving is not a collegiate event, the towers attract national calibre towers who want access to tower diving facilities. Just as the fast pool is a recruiting asset to the swimming program, the diving facilities are a plus to diving recruiting.

Coach Gambriel's and coach Webster's coaching techniques have resulted in one of the finest swimming and diving programs in the nation. The Alabama men's squad has finished among the top ten at the NCAA Championships, eight of the last

ten years. Last year the men finished seventh at NAAs and captured their first Southeastern Conference Championship. These teams have produced five individual NCAA champions and numerous individual All-Americans and All-American relays. The women, who were taken over by Gambriel in 1978, have steadily improved and finished ninth in the country at last year's NCAA Championships. The 1982-83 edition of Alabama swimming and diving will continue its prominence as many of the last year's All-Americans return to the Tide ranks.

Returning to the men's swimming roster is the 1982 "SEC Swimmer of the Year" Greg Higginson. Last year Higginson, who is a breaststroke expert, captured three titles at the SEC meet and was named All-American in three events at the 1982 NAAs. Higginson will be joined in the breaststroke ranks by Glenn Mills, who was named All-American in the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke last year.

Also returning is internationally reknown sprint freestyler Andreas Schmidt, who was a finalist at this year's

World Games as he represented his native West Germany. Schmidt swam on last years All-American 400-yard free relay with other Tide returnees Brendan McCarthy, Jay Posey, and Matt Mullane. Mullane and McCarthy were also members of the Tide's All-American 800-free relay.

Sophomore distance freestyler Marcello Juca, an All-American in the 1650-yard freestyle and Brett Chambless, the backstroke link of the Tide All-American medley relay also are back in the lineup. Other returning lettermen who figure to be major contributors are Keith Clinton and Kirk Henry, both butterflyers, and Craig Ludwick.

The women's swimming squad also returns a wealth of talent. Captaining the squad are three-year All-American Anne Marie Milling, a sprinter and junior two-year All-American sprinter Carol Landry. Another freestyler Liz Hobbs, an All-American returns to the Tide after a year off due to an injury. Other top returnees, all NCAA All-Americans, are Kim Nicholson, a three individual event All-American in the backstroke and Ellen Riley, last

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Alabama's Greg Higginson will be heavily relied upon as the Tide takes to the waters this season. Higginson, a senior, was the Southeastern Conference "Swimmer of the Year" last season. Southeast-Spectrum Photo

year's "Most Valuable Freshman." Also returning are butterfly specialist Linda Valerio and Shelly Hansen, also a butterflyer.

The returning swimmers are admirably complemented by the divers. Coach Webster claims his men's squad "is the best I have ever had" and believes with individual consistency his women's team has a great deal of talent and potential. Returning for the men is last year's "SEC Diver of the Year" Craig Ford, who last year as a freshman captured the SEC title on both the one-meter and three-meter boards. The Tide has landed two fine diving recruits in four-time Alabama state diving champion and national competitor Mike Marmann and prep All-American Brendan Moynihan.

The women's diving squad will be boosted by the performances of Marsha Crouch, a potential All-American and Drew Gunnels, who is a talented competitor. Also in the diving lineup are Ellen McGrath who was 11th on the three-

meter at NAAs and Patricia Bryant, whose improved consistency combined with her difficult optional dive list is certain to contribute to her successes this year.

Just as the returning ranks are swelled with talent, the freshman class for both the men and women is sparkling. When the Alabama coaches recruit athletes they recruit from among the best in the world. These athletes are observed for several years at the national and international level before they are asked to sign with the Tide. This year's squad has athletes from 13 states and five countries.

Additions to the men's roster include U.S. senior national scorer Filiberto Colon, a butterfly and freestyle man and Colon's Mission Viejo teammate Bryan Jennings, a backstroke. Also joining the Tide is U.S. Swimming's 1981 "Rookie of the Year" Ron Kutzavitch who competes in the breaststroke and IM as does freshman John Moles, and Brazilian National team member Mavial Sampaio, both new Tiders. Dennis Spencer, a butterflyer and Felix Morf, a 1982 World Games partici-

pant from Switzerland, will also contribute to the Tide efforts. Another addition is proven freestyler Don Berger.

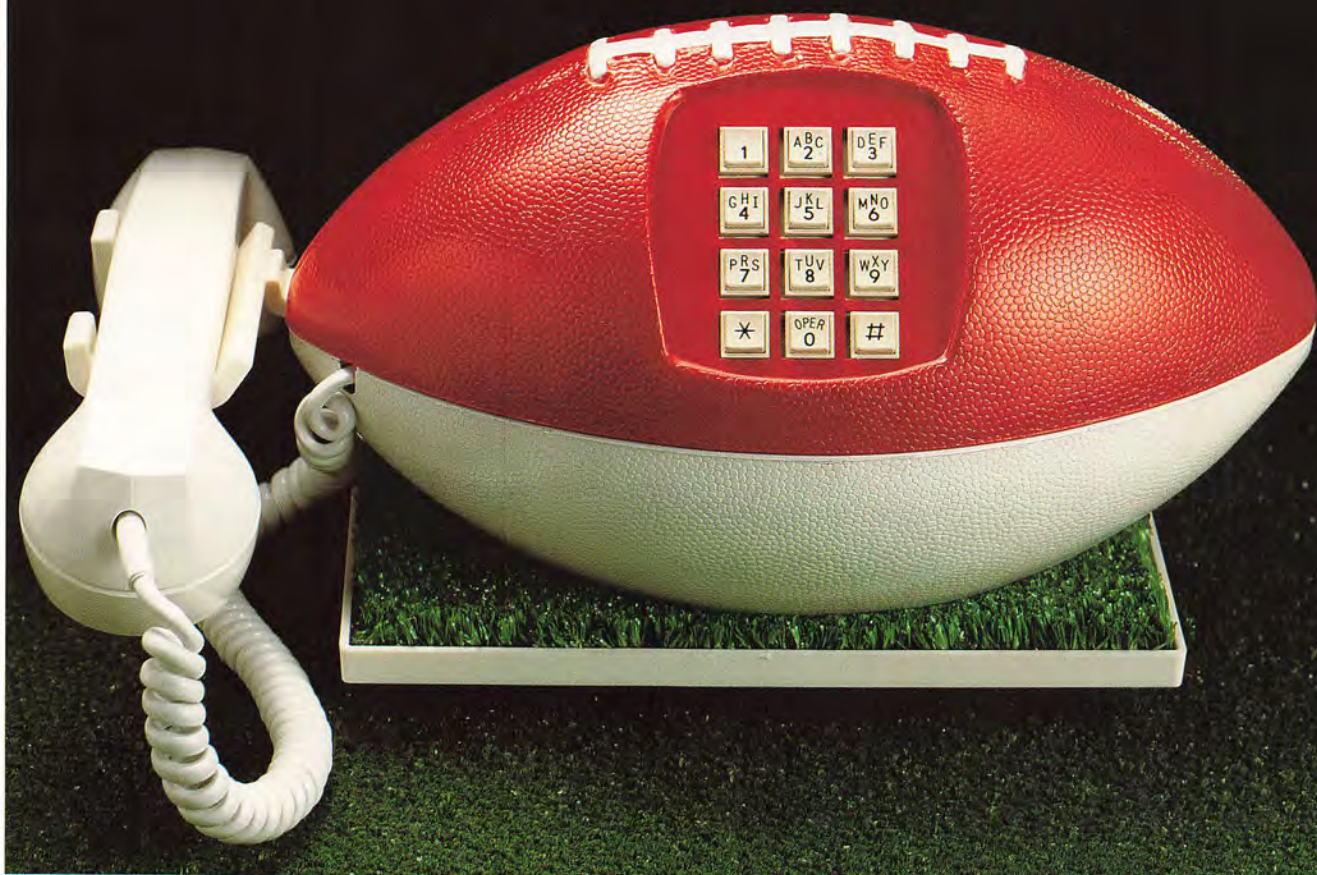
The women landed some winners in Angelika Knipping a ten-time German Champion in the breaststroke and Lisa McClain a world-ranked swimmer in the individual medley. The women's freestyle ranks will be sparked by rookies Dawn Brandiewie, Darren Fadgen, Jill Rogers, and Nancy Stephens. Jennifer Brothers will swim backstroke and butterfly while Luran Deam takes control in the breaststroke and IM, Stacy Turner competes in the backstroke, and Keryn Shipman in the distance freestyle. All the freshman signees have competed at the national level and will improve the squad immensely.

Although the Tide has much of the cream of the crop, much of the remainder of the nation's talent can be found in its dual meet and conference foes. The men and the women have the same schedule. The Tide meets Big Ten powerhouse Indiana, the Big Eight men's champions Kansas and independent league champions Southern Illinois. During the dual meet season the Tide will also clash with SEC powers Florida, Auburn and Tennessee, all which have added considerable talent to their rosters.

The SEC has developed into one of the three toughest swimming conferences in the nation, thus the conference meet for both the men and women is expected to be awesome as many of the world's finest swimmers and divers clash. The women must face pre-season national champion pick Florida. Florida, the Tide women and Auburn are all expected to finish among the top ten teams in the nation. The conference championship for the men is expected to be a thriller in that Alabama, Auburn, and Florida are also picked to finish among the top ten at the NCAA Championship, the Gators being a slight favorite based on an outstanding recruiting year.

Coach Gambrell and coach Webster work to inspire each athlete to perform to the best of their ability, the ultimate team goal being the highest possible finish at the conference meet and at nationals. The goal is more easily established in swimming than in other sports because of the ability to compare times accurately. Because Alabama boasts athletes of exceptional ability and proven devotion, the goals are attainable. The Crimson Tide swimmers and divers have been training diligently for years, and have brought numerous laurels to the University. This year's team has the potential and desire for continued excellence.

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**Bobby Lee Hurt:**

# Enjoying Basketball And Life

by Al Browning

The smile is unmistakably magnificent, as is the philosophy on life that makes it so broad and appealing.

"I was watching a movie the other night and heard a woman say something that made a lot of sense to me," Bobby Lee Hurt said one recent early November morning. "In fact, what she said is my thing in life, that and playing basketball as well as I can. The lady said, 'If you see somebody without a smile on his face, give him yours.'"

"I've smiled all my life. I think that's what life is all about, being happy and trying to make other people happy. If that's my thing in life, why should I change now?"

In that regard, the fact Hurt can smile after the last two years, in which his name has been used, possibly abused, by the news media, should be a mystery to psychologists. Even as the Alabama sophomore center spoke about life, his mind had every right to be centered on something else, a libel suit court case that was, at that time, 13 days from its start in Huntsville, Alabama.

That complaint, filed by Huntsville Butler High School Principal Ed Seal against the Birmingham Post-Herald newspaper, stemmed from articles written about the playing days Hurt had there and, moreso, about his recruitment by Alabama.

But if Hurt was, well, hurting, it did not show. What was aglow was his smile, as was the case that memorable night last season when the Crimson Tide defeated Kentucky 48-46 in the finals of the

**Sophomore Bobby Lee Hurt has proven that he is an all-round basketball player. This season he will continue to play a key role in the Alabama offense and defense.**

Joel Barnes Photo

Southeastern Conference Tournament.

Still, grin as he so frequently does, which is much more often than most people, Hurt, a 6-foot-9 power player with guard-like quickness, is not as totally carefree as his appearance and actions indicate. He is, instead, a personable and polished hunk of muscular humanity with a mind prone to think and a heart filled with warmth and love for people around him.

As for those who have painted him otherwise with printed words, perhaps some founded and some unfounded, Hurt chooses to attempt to forgive and forget—and, by all means, to learn lessons beyond those usually mastered by people his age.

Maturity is calling on this young man who feels compelled to entertain people on the basketball court and all places elsewhere.

"I've learned to roll with the punches," Hurt said when asked how he has benefited from a year of college. "I've learned to be more alert about everything. I've learned to select my company better, to run in good circles. I've learned to put all that newspaper stuff behind me so I can do my thing better, which is playing basketball and having fun doing it. It's

hard to forget the last two years, but I want to, at least the bad.

"Life is too short to let it pass by, I've got a college degree to earn. That's important, because the day will come when I'm too old to play basketball. I've got a lot of good basketball to play, hopefully helping Alabama win more championships. If I worry about the past, the future will be filled with disappointments."

Hurt, meanwhile, rarely disappoints anybody. He is a constant source of amazement for his teammates at Alabama, who have nicknamed him "Nationwide," "Showtime," and "Joe Plank."

The "Nationwide" label stems from a remark he made last season to Alabama football star Warren Lyles, who was kidding Hurt about his much-publicized background, which includes him leading Butler High School to a 112-20 record during his three years as a starter.

"Don't give me any trouble," Hurt said as Lyles listened. "You're local and I'm nationwide."

The "Showtime" nickname is the result of his explosive moves on the court.

"There's nothing I like better than blocking a shot at one end of the court,

then beating everybody to the other end of the court for a slam dunk," said Hurt, who during his maiden season at Alabama started eight games and averaged 10.2 points and 5.5 rebounds, figures that helped the Crimson Tide to a 24-7 record and a berth in the NCAA Tournament. "I really get charged up when I know I've done something that really excites our fans and our team. We play basketball at Alabama to win and to entertain. I love to do both of those things."

The "Joe Plank" nickname?

"Joe Plank was a legend of old," Hurt said.

Of what vintage?

"He was a legend in his own mind," Hurt said, "kind of like me, I guess."

Yes, by all means, which is why people at Alabama have learned to take some of what Hurt says seriously, the rest with a grain of salt. And sometimes his remarks glitter with both jest and substance.

"If there is no today, there won't be any tomorrow," Hurt said on the team bus as Alabama motored toward a victory over St. John's in the first round of the last NCAA Tournament.

Mmmm . . . and when Hurt raps, a la a disc jockey, just listen and be open to entertainment . . .

"I don't mean to brag,  
"I don't mean to boast;  
"I'm Bobby Lee,  
"From coast to coast.  
"So I get on up,  
"I get on down;  
"I play everywhere,  
"I hate to mess around."

And . . .

"You can see I'm 6-foot-10,  
"And I'm ready to go again;  
"I always dress to a tea,  
"I've got more clothes  
than Muhammad Ali;  
"I dress so viciously."

Such words are spoken when Hurt takes control of a party, spinning records for his friends, or, on occasion, has a command performance at Patrick's Disco in Huntsville. He takes his music seriously, evidenced not only by his upbeat poetry spoken with a hardbeat backdrop, but also by the fact he takes a large portable stereo with him on Alabama road trips.

"That's my box," Hurt said, "and it's my constant companion. I even take it to the restroom with me. I like my music. It makes me happy. It's part of my life. I get up in the morning spinning records."

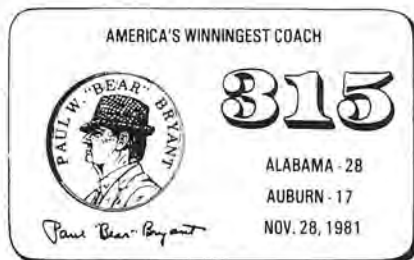
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There is no question that Alabama's Bobby Lee Hurt puts all his effort and emotion into playing basketball. His incredible leaping ability makes him an incredible rebounder, shot blocker, and slam dunker. Joel Barnes Photo

the National Sports Festival Tournament, which is a proving ground for young Olympic Games hopefuls, he amassed more rebounds than anybody has before him, and he made the all-tournament team.

"That's something I've always liked to do, break records—except, of course, when I'm spinning them," Hurt said. "That's happened a few times, too."

Hurt grew up in a family of 10. It was a humble upbringing, "but it was disciplined and happy." His family now resides on Sanderson Road in Huntsville—no, the Alabama coach is not the namesake—and their sparsely furnished home is dominated in the living room by pictures of Jesus Christ. "My folks are religious. You don't see any drinking and carrying-on around my house." What a visitor did

see when going there last year were Hurt-like smiles on the faces of a proud mother, Clara Mae, and an enchanted little sister, Amanda, age 6.

"I never dreamed my Bobby would become such a star," Mrs. Clara Mae Hurt said that morning, when stories were being written and life looked gloomy. "I never dreamed he would attract so much attention."

Her son did—literally.

"When I was young," Hurt said, "I used the play imaginary basketball games in the back of our house. I mean really big games. I'd star for Alabama one day, then star for a NBA team the next day. It was almost always the same: 'There is one second on the clock and Hurt is shooting a free throw that can tie the game. If he makes the first one, he'll shoot another

one for all the marbles . . . ' Or: '5, 4, 3, 2, 1, and Hurt puts up a shot from deep in the corner. He made it! He made it! Alabama wins the game . . . '

"I made most of those shots, but there were times when I'd miss and really get mad at myself. Sometimes when I missed, I'd call a foul on the defender, then go into my free throw routine."

Such are the dreams of many kids.

But few kids have the chance to make them all come true.

"I'm thankful God gave me the talent to play basketball like I can," Hurt said. "I'm appreciative that I have the opportunity to do some nice things in basketball. I'm thankful for the chance to play at Alabama, where we have some super guys, some super talent, on the court."

"Like 'Enimo' (guard Ennis Whatley), who can make unbelievable things happen with the basketball. It's a privilege to play with guys like him—all of the guys on our team, really. Team comes before self at Alabama, or there's no team at all."

"This could be a dynamite year for us. We can be just as good as last year. If we have a weakness, it's rebounding, and that's where I come into play. I've got to be an animal on the court, especially around the backboard."

"Pressure? Yeah, there's some pressure. I feel a little more this year than I did last year. But I can handle that."

Perhaps, given his experiences to date, Hurt can handle almost anything with a vast degree of grace. That includes selling clothes, which he does part-time for Bill's Men's Shop when at home in Huntsville. "I'm not the best salesman in the world, but I'm in the top two. Bill's No. 1." Again he stars with a microphone in his face.

Hear this from Alabama assistant coach Benny Dees, who last summer went to Huntsville to check on Hurt:

"I drove all over Huntsville and couldn't find Bobby," coach Dees said. "Finally, out of desperation, I stopped a guy in a parking lot at a mall and asked if he knew Bobby. And the guy said, 'Yes sir, because I hear him on the radio all the time.' I said, 'Oh, my gosh, what is Bobby up to now?' and that guy said he heard Bobby on the radio doing an advertisement: 'This is Bobby Lee Hurt and I work at Bill's Men's Shop, Come on down and help me out with my job.'"

"I tell you, that rascal amazes me, off the court as much as he does on the court, which is a lot."

How does he do it?

"I'm loose," Hurt said. "I like to stay active. I like to put on a show for anybody interested."

## Scouting Reports:

# The Pre-Conference Basketball Opponents

by Lisa Meigs

For the first time in several years the Southeastern Conference basketball schedule does not include any league games in December. However, Alabama should find itself ready to face the rigors of SEC play following its pre-conference matchups. The Tide's so-called December schedule was actually to begin November 29 with a game against Middle Tennessee State; and the Tide also played an exhibition against Marathon Oil.

As usual, Bama had a heavy dose of home games in its non-conference schedule, but coach Wimp Sanderson will take his team to play in Birmingham against Texas Tech (site of this year's SEC Tournament), on a road trip to Penn State and in a prestigious tournament—the Winston Tire Classic in Los Angeles. Bama will open the Winston tournament against host Southern Cal and then play either Wisconsin or 1982 NCAA runner-up Georgetown. Bama will have one other non-conference game, January 28, against UCLA in Los Angeles. All pre-conference games in Tuscaloosa and Birmingham begin at 7:30 p.m. CST.

Here is a look at this year's pre-conference opponents:

### MIDDLE TENNESSEE

November 29

Last year Middle Tennessee State basketball coach Stan Simpson eased into the season with six seniors and the starting lineup set. The Blue Raiders finished the 1981-82 year with a 22-8 record, capturing the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament and receiving a bid to the NCAA Tournament where they posted a win over Kentucky in the Mideast Regionals.

Brian Dean (24) is one of four returning Penn State players who started against Alabama last year and who will be trying to avenge the Lions' loss in the rematch at University Park December 11.

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Now Simpson must pull together nine returning players and six new players to make up the 1982-83 squad. He has only one starter returning. Ed "Pancakes"

Perry, who led the team in assists last year (86) and averaged 6.1 points per game, is the only member of the first team returning and will be counted on heavily.



Middle Tennessee returns senior forward, Dwayne Dorsey, junior guard, Maury Mapes and junior forward Kenny Beck. Frosh standout LaRae Davis will be looked on to replace graduated guard Rick Campbell.

#### **TEXAS TECH** **December 4**

Texas Tech returns the major portion of its team after having its best season in three years. Coach Gerald Myer's team recorded a 17-11 record last season, finishing sixth in the Southwest Conference. The Red Raiders lose three starters including Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Year Jeff Taylor.

Taylor was the team's second leading scorer and leading assist man. Clarence Swannegan (center) and Steve Smith (guard) have also left gaps to be filled. The front line and back court may suffer from lack of experience. "Everyone we signed has a chance to help us right away, if they can earn a spot," Myers says.

The Red Raider defense will be strong and deep on the inside. The front line will be larger as well. "This is the first time in a long time we've been able to sign any pure center prospects," Myers says of

Bob Evans (7-1 and Kent Wojciechoski (6-11). Now that Bubba Jennings, a 5-10 guard, has received a redshirt after being injured early in the season last year, the Texas Tech basketball future looks bright.

#### **SOUTHERN METHODIST** **December 6**

The SMU Mustangs face a season with two big plusses.—youth and experience. Coach Dave Bliss has nine returning players and only one senior. Last year SMU recorded more time played by freshmen than any other Southwest Conference team. The SMU squad will be boosted by return of all of its starters.

Inexperience helped to contribute to a disappointing 1981-82 season. Although the Mustangs posted a 6-21 record last season, it is not truly reflective of the potential of the club. The Mustangs beat NCAA final four contender Houston and lost five other games by a total of nine points.

Returning 6-6 forward John Addison had his high scoring mark for the season in last year's defeat to Alabama as he scored 30 points in a game that went down to the wire. SMU forward Larry Davis and center Jon Konack, who led the

Southwest Conference in freshman scoring and rebounding, return to the Mustang stable.

#### **PENN STATE** **December 11**

Penn State will be seeking a fourth consecutive winning season in 1982-83. The Nittany Lions went 15-12 last year and coach Dick Harter looks to stretch that figure into another season.

The Lions will look to maintain an even keel this season. "I feel for the first time in our five years at Penn State that we have a very balanced team," Harter explains. Incoming freshmen adding quickness, and improved perimeter shooting are definite strengths, especially since the Atlantic 10 decided this summer to adopt a 40 second shot clock and a 19-foot, 3 point shot.

Harter will count on seniors Rich Fetter, 6-7 forward, Tom McCluskey, 6-7 forward, and Mike Lang, 6-9 center to anchor the front line and expects a balanced attack in the back court. "A key for us may be our play around the basket; we need better rebounding and we must have good scoring from our front line," Harter says.

Penn State returns a total of 10 players

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and adds four freshmen who should be vital contributors in their first season.

#### **LOUISIANA TECH**

**December 18**

The Louisiana Tech Bulldogs come off a disappointing record for the 1981-82 season. Coach Andy Russo's team went 11-16 overall and 2-8 in the Southland Conference. He did lose only one starter, Emerson Wafer, and returns six lettermen. Russo expects Bulldog leaders to include returning first team member 6-6 junior Ken Roberson and 6-11 junior Willie Simmons. Much of the excitement however, is centered around rookie Karl Malone. The 6-8, 230-pound newcomer was ineligible last year but will be looked to as a main contributor to the Bulldog effort. Other returning starters are 6-4 junior Rennie Bailey and 6-2 sophomore Alan Davis.

Louisiana Tech will count on top reserves 6-8 sophomore David Jordan and 6-5 sophomore Billy Wright.

The Bulldog team is young again this year in terms of age. The team does not field a single senior, but in terms of experience Louisiana Tech will bring veterans into battle.

#### **TEXAS SOUTHERN**

**December 20**

Last year's NCAA leading scorer Harry "Machine Gun" Kelly returns for his final season at Texas Southern. Kelly averaged 29.7 points per game last year and had a game high 51 points against Texas College, scoring over half his team's 100 points in that game. The 6-7, 215 pound senior forward is joined by four other starters from last year's 21-8 team.

Coach Robert Moreland lost only 6-8 center Michael Anderson. Anderson averaged 10 rebounds per game and this year the Tigers may be weak on the front line in rebounding. This may make or break TSU in the Southwest Athletic Conference and in post-season play depending on how well the team manages to take up the slack left in the wake of Anderson's leaving.

Latrell Mitchell, 5-10 senior guard who led the Tigers in assists last year (203), returns as does 6-4 senior guard Alton Jefferson. Returning forwards in addition to Kelly include 6-5 sophomore Teddy Bloodshaw, 6-4 senior Booker T. Jones and 6-7 senior Robert Franklin.

TSU adds two junior college transfers and Harry Kelly's younger brother, Patrick.

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**December 29**

Another team that blends youth and experience this year is the University of Southern California. Nine of thirteen Trojans will be freshmen or sophomores.



Georgetown's Patrick Ewing

Coach Stan Morrison also has back three of five starters who know what post season NCAA play is all about.

Six lettermen reunite from last year's 19-9 squad. Morrison calls this group "the deepest team I've had at USC."

Some big gaps are left to be filled though. All Pac-10 performers Dwight Anderson and Mo Williams both brought explosive scoring to the USC squad and will be missed.

Steady senior Jaque Hill returns for a fourth consecutive season as the USC starting point guard. Ken Johnson, 6-9 center, and Wayne Carlander, 6-8 forward will both lead the USC front line. "Both will be featured prominently in our offense

this year," Morrison said. "I didn't want to put too much pressure on them last year because they were starting as freshmen. So we just asked them to rebound and play defense."

Southern Cal will feature wing and post players equally this year so balance in scoring will give the Trojans something of a different look. USC will emphasize defense and be a stronger rebounding team as well this year.

#### **GEORGETOWN**

**December 29**

The Hoyas of Georgetown have built a much deserved reputation in collegiate basketball. After four straight years in the NCAA tournament coach John Thompson's team nearly captured the NCAA championship. However, last year's team that went 30-7 will be short five lettermen, three of which were starters last year.

Gone is 6-3 All-American guard Eric "Sleepy" Floyd and Eric Smith, both who graduated to the ranks of the NBA. Ed Spriggs, Mike Hancock, and Roy Blaylock will also be absent from this year's team.

The Hoyas do return two key components of their team though, in 7-0 sophomore center Pat Ewing and junior point guard Fred Brown. Ewing averaged 12.7 points per game and 7.5 rebounds as a freshman. Defensively he was second in the country with 119 blocked shots. Brown has run the Georgetown offense for two years but will see work from all areas this year.

Sophomores Anthony Jones (6-6) and Bill Martin (6-7) have had the luxury of working their way into the lineup slowly. Junior guard Gene Smith also returns as captain this year after an ankle injury sidelined him last year. Add the Hoyas five new recruits and the Georgetown hopes ride high for a fifth consecutive NCAA post season appearance.

#### **WISCONSIN**

**December 29**

Steve Yoder became Wisconsin's head basketball coach after last year's team posted a disheartening 6-21 record. Yoder joins the staff after a successful stint at Ball State University where he was named Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year for the past two seasons. His next task is to help the Badgers move from 10th place in the Big 10.

This year's team will feature a lot of new faces, only two starters return. Forwards Brad Sellers (6-11) and Cory Blackwell (6-6) will be back on the front for Wisconsin. Six other lettermen rejoin the team along with six freshmen, including 1982 Wisconsin Mr. Basketball, 6-0 guard Ricky Olson.



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# History of Alabama Athletics:

## The Unforgettable Johnny Cain

by Laurie Kiely

The kicking game is crucial to the success of college football teams today. If the left toe of Johnny Cain, who played for the Crimson Tide 50 years ago, was up for grabs this season, college coaches from near and far would have their eyes on it. However, John "Hurry" Cain's talents didn't end with his kicking ability; he was also highly acclaimed for his incredible rushing flair and defensive skill.

During Cain's illustrious career which included the 1930, 1931, and 1932 seasons, Alabama won 27 of 30 games. He played in the days of 11-man football and Cain's 60 minutes on the field usually resulted in spectacular offensive and defensive antics. He was a crafty fullback with a dynamite toe and a hard-hitting fullback (now called linebacker) on the Crimson Tide defense.

Cain was the only sophomore on Alabama's undefeated 1930 squad, whose conquests included the 1931 Rose Bowl win over Washington State and was recognized as the popular national champion. During his debut year he was named to the All-Southern squad. He was again honored as an All-Southern squad pick after his junior season, a season which also brought him accolades as a consensus All-America as he led his team to a 9-1 record, the Tide falling only to Tennessee. During his injury-laden senior year, Cain added to his list of credentials which established him as one of the finest players in collegiate history and was later honored as such.

When looking back at the games of 50 years ago, it is possible to capture a glimpse of the value of Cain to the Crimson Tide. It was during the 1932 season that "Hurry" Cain captained the "Red Elephants" to an 8-2 record and earned All-America honors for the second consecutive year.

As would be expected, Crimson Tide fans had great hopes for the All-American Cain and the Tide before the 1932 season. Preseason practice found Cain living up to those formidable expectations working with his classmates and underclassmen and being described in newspaper reports "as full of pep and anxious to work as the greeniest man on the squad."

In the season opener Cain thrilled the fans as the Tide trounced Southwestern 45-6. It was Cain's ball game. Cain's first punt of the game, and the season, was a 40-yard boot that kicked up the dust on the Southwestern two-inch line and bounced to the right, going out of bounds one foot from the goal line. That was the first of three punts as Cain averaged 35 yards a punt for the game. "Hurry" Cain's contribution was phenomenal as he carried the ball 17 times for a total of 109 yards, more than double the yardage of any other back, and fired a 35-yard pass putting the ball in scoring position.

After the thrashing of Southwestern the Tide continued on the winning track with a 53-0 defeat of Mississippi State. Then the

team headed North to do battle with George Washington University. Alabama took control and as one reporter described it, "the barelegged Alabamians in their crimson jerseys got down to business immediately." Cain was the impetus for that business as he scored a touchdown each quarter to give the Tide a 28-6 victory.

Next on the agenda for "Hurry" Cain and company was Tennessee. The game was preceded by enthusiastic pregame hoopla by both teams' supporters. The Tide fans and players were determined to avenge the loss of the year before and the two sides had been provoked by the words of Tennessee captain Malcolm Aitken who vowed to "knock the BAM, out of Alabama." Little did the Tide and Vol fans know that the game would turn out to be one of the most fantastic punting spectacles in history. The stars of the kicking show being Johnny Cain and Tennessee's Beatie Feathers.

It was a blustery, raining afternoon, as the two began a volley of punts on the opening series and continued throughout the entire game. Whereas, under most circumstances the defense would have grabbed the spectator attention in a game which stood at 3-0 in the fourth quarter, in this game it was the antics of Cain and Feathers. When it ended in a 7-3 Tennessee victory, Feathers had punted 21 times for an average of 48 yards and Cain



Although Johnny "Hurry" Cain was an incredible rusher, blocker and tackler, he is most often remembered as a fantastic punter. The punting statistics compiled by Cain in the 1932 Tennessee game are still alive and well in the Alabama record books.

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punted 19 times for an average of 43 yards. One of Cain's punts only went 11 yards and proved to be the crucial play of the game. After receiving a bad snap behind the goal line Cain was forced to get off a kick in the face of an onslaught of Tennessee players, one who was able to block the punt. This gave Tennessee possession of the ball on the Alabama 12-yard line and three plays later Feathers scored a touchdown. Cain and Feathers not only directed the game with their punting, they both led their respective teams in rushing.

Cain entered the Alabama record books in the punting category that day in 1932 and has yet to be replaced. He holds the game record for the most punts, the most yards punted at 914, and the highest average yards punted in a game.

After the bout with Feathers and the Vols the Crimson Tide met Ole Miss. Crimson Tide fans, players, and coaches were stunned on the opening kickoff when Cain's knee was injured and he was forced to retire from the game. However,

he returned long enough in the beginning of the third quarter to run nine yards on one play and on the next burst into action with a 51-yard touchdown to aid the Tide in its 24-13 victory effort.

Cain's injured knee continued to nag him and he did not dress for the Kentucky game the following week. The Tide, without his services, beat the Wildcats 12-7. He was back in the lineup when Alabama defeated Virginia Tech 9-6 and was praised in newspaper accounts as "being worth his weight in gold even with a bum knee." But even the goldenboy Cain could not help the Tide the next weekend as they fell 6-0 to Georgia Tech. Cain's knee continued to plague him and he was unable to punt in the Tide's next outing with Vanderbilt but his running and blocking proved exceptional as the Tide triumphed 20-0.

In the final game of the season, just as it had been in the opener, it was Johnny "Hurry" Cain's day. The Tide traveled to San Francisco to meet the St. Mary's

Gaels and at the conclusion of the contest "the nearly 20,000 fans who saw the game were willing to concede they grow football players big and strong and capable in Dixie," as one reporter noted.

It was the fantastic touchdown run of Cain which sparked the Tide's 6-0 victory. The run was described by one West Coast writer as follows: "There have been longer runs in Kezar Stadium than the 71-yard touchdown dash by Captain John "Hurry" Cain, but none more spectacular than the weaving display of ball toting put on by the compact 183-pounder who has been rated the greatest fullback the old South has ever given to American college sport." Cain's 71-yard sprint was highlighted with a dive through the air from the two-yard line which landed him sprawled out in the endzone.

There haven't been many players in football history to compare to the "old South's greatest fullback." After the 1932 season, Cain was named for the third time to the All-Southern team and was an All-America pick. He tied with Tennessee's Feathers for top league scoring honors with 72 points, but played in only nine games while Feathers participated in 10.

People realized and honored Cain's athletic prowess in 1932. Three decades later Crimson Tide followers were still in awe over his performances and he was duly named to Alabama's All-Time team, an honor singling out the best of those who have donned crimson and white. The state of Alabama echoed these praises by inducting Cain into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. Perhaps Cain's finest lifetime achievement came in 1973 when he became only the ninth player in Alabama history to be inducted into the National Football Hall of Fame.

After his playing career, Cain coached briefly at his high school alma mater, Sidney Lanier in Montgomery, and then became head coach at Southwestern Louisiana in 1937, gaining four conference championships. After serving four years in the United States Navy, he returned to the coaching ranks and served as backfield coach at the University of Mississippi and later became the Ole Miss head freshman coach.

Johnny "Hurry" Cain died in 1977 accomplishing what many strive for in life. That is, to be remembered and respected after death. Perhaps Cain's punting records will somebody be erased, but the afternoon which created those records, and the man responsible for those statistics, as well as, three incredible years of play for Alabama, will never be forgotten.

# BAMA SCORECARD

## Give Me Liberty

The setting was strikingly different, Franklin Field in snowy Philadelphia, but the event had the same name the Liberty Bowl, where Alabama will cap the 1982 football season.

Records are indeed made to be broken, and the Crimson Tide will extend a couple of its own December 29 at Memphis, when and where it plays Illinois. Alabama is about to play in its 36th bowl game, a national record, and its 24th in-a-row, also a national record.

Guess where the first of those illustrious 24 bowl games were played? Yes, at the end of the 1959 season, the second for coach Bryant at Alabama, the Crimson Tide traveled to Philadelphia to play Penn State in the Liberty Bowl, Alabama lost 0-7, but it started a grand tradition.

"I don't know if we have the proudest bowl tradition in the nation," says coach Bryant, "but I know we have one we can all be proud of. Bowl game appearances are very much a part of our heritage at Alabama."

Alabama is about to make its fourth appearance in the Liberty Bowl. In 1969, the Crimson Tide lost to Colorado 47-23 at Memphis, and in 1976, Alabama defeated UCLA 36-6 at Memphis. Illinois will take a 7-4 record into the next Liberty Bowl, and the Illini will be facing the Crimson Tide for the first time.

"Alabama has a great tradition and a great name," said Bud Dudley, a member of the Liberty Bowl Executive Committee. "Naturally we are quite excited about our matchup. The Liberty Bowl goes way back with coach Bryant and Alabama."

Coach Bryant, a veteran in a game he has dominated, has told many stories during his fabled career. One of his best was spawned at the 1959 Liberty Bowl, which was played in frigid, miserable weather.

"At halftime that day, our players gathered around a big, pot-bellied stove in the dressing room," says coach Bryant. "They were freezing to death, and so was I. There weren't many of our players who acted like they wanted to play the second half, so I asked for volunteers. I think we started the second half with volunteers on the field. To tell you the truth, I wasn't too

anxious to go back out there myself, but we had come a long way for the game.

"We were a young team that year, and I guess we were fortunate not to get beat by three or four touchdowns."

In other words, Alabama took a licking in its first bowl game under coach Bryant—the first Crimson Tide bowl game appearance came in the 1926 Rose—which goes to show that unparralleled success does often come with a wicked price.

Just look at the record!—ten Sugar Bowls, seven Orange Bowls, six Cotton Bowls, six Rose Bowls, four Liberty Bowls, two Astro-Bluebonnet Bowls, and one Gator Bowl.

Nobody does it better than Alabama when it comes to bowl games.



Stan Gay

## Another Year

Alabama cornerback Stan Gay is listed in all rosters as a senior. The 5-11, 175-pounder walked on at Alabama in 1979, saw limited duty in 1980, earned a scholarship and lettered in 1981 and is a starter this year. But in 1979 he was injured and did not get to participate at all. Alabama has applied for a retroactive hardship year and expects to have it granted, giving Gay an additional year of eligibility. With Tommy Wilcox, Jeremiah Castille and Jerrill Sprinkle all graduating from the secondary this year, the return of Gay could prove most beneficial.

## Cage Walkon

Alabama conducted a tryout program for potential basketball players in early November, as the Tide does every year. Rarely are any of the walkons invited to stay and practice, but one was this year. Gary White came out of Tuscaloosa County high school in 1981, just another face among the most highly-touted group of prep basketball seniors the state of Alabama has ever produced. He elected to attend Alabama A&M, but did not play basketball. He is now at Alabama, elected to try out, and has been invited to participate. He will sit out this year, then have three years of eligibility remaining. White is a 6-3 guard.

## Swimming Laurels

Alabama swimmer Andreas Schmidt has been awarded the highest honor attainable by an amateur athlete in his native West Germany. Schmidt, along with two other West German swimmers, recently received the prestigious Silberne Lorbeerblatt award. Since Schmidt, a sophomore, is in training with the Tide he was not able to attend the ceremonies. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dieter Schmidt, accepted the award presented by West German president Professor Carl Corstens. Schmidt from Dusseldorf was selected based on his numerous achievements as a member of the West German National Team since 1976. Schmidt has captured the West German national titles in the 50 and 100-meter freestyle, was honored as the team's "Most Valuable Swimmer" in 1979, and was a member of the 1976 Olympic team.

Also in swimming news, junior Glenn Mills has been selected to compete as a member of the United States team in the World International Meet slated for early January in Indianapolis.

## Herschel At Alabama

Alabama fans can take heart, because they will get to see Herschel Walker, the great Georgia running back, in action after all. No, the Crimson Tide football team will not play the Bulldogs next season, which will be the last for the Heisman Trophy candidate in the Southeastern Conference.

Instead, Walker will be on the Alabama campus April 16 with the Georgia track team, which, along with Florida, will visit the Crimson Tide for a triangular meet. The football star is an Olympic Games sprint hopeful. He will get more competition running in shorts, however, than he usually does in football pads, because Alabama has a sprinter named Calvin Smith, who is expected to be faster than Walker that day.

Alabama will also host Georgia Southern and Troy State in a triangular meet on campus that day, with women running.

The Alabama Invitational meet is scheduled May 21, with men and women competing.

### Baseball Busy

With the weather getting colder by the day, it seems incredible that anybody would be interested in talking about baseball. But if you stop by Memorial Coliseum at Alabama, coaches of the spring fancy are more than willing to exchange comments for hours. The Crimson Tide had a splendid fall season in baseball and is expected to contend for the Southeastern Conference championship.

Alabama will have to start its quest for such laurels, however, with chilly breezes still very much apparent. Practice is tentatively scheduled to start January 10, with the first game scheduled against North Alabama on campus on February 22.

### Scoreboards Installed

Alabama basketball fans have been provided with a more comfortable way to keep up with the score at games, although the new scoreboards installed at both ends of the court in Memorial Coliseum will benefit players more. It has been difficult for players to keep track of time during games, because they have been forced to look at a scoreboard and clock hanging high over midcourt.

"The scoreboards are welcomed additions to our facility," says coach Wimp Sanderson. "It should make playing much easier for the guys on the court. Also, it should be a comfort for our fans who sit low in the stands."

It comes to mind that Alabama guard Ennis Whatley attempted and made a shot from almost the far free throw line at the end of a half last season, because he thought time was about to expire. There were 10 seconds left in the half. The addition of the new scoreboards could alleviate such mistakes, although that one by 'Enimo' turned out well for the Crimson Tide.

Memorial Coliseum officials have also seen fit to install some more champion-

## SEC Look AT Tide

At this year's Southeastern Conference basketball press day, the nine head coaches of opposing teams were asked to assess coach Wimp Sanderson's Alabama basketball team. Here are capsule comments:

Auburn head coach Sonny Smith: "I think Alabama is capable of being an outstanding basketball team. They have a combination of speed and power, although they will be more of a finesse style team this than in the past. They are capably coached. And they have been there; they are winners."

Florida head coach Norm Sloan: "I think Wimp has progressed to the point of dilemma: one, he enjoys having good talent to coach; but, two, he's sensitive to us coaches always talking about his talent. He's loaded and he won't appreciate that. He's got talent, depth, size, and NCAA experience. We all know they are a conference contender. I think Alabama is also a serious national contender."

Georgia head coach Hugh Durham: "I think Alabama will be very, very good—certainly one of the top three or four teams in this league. It will be a different team, the quickest Alabama team in several years. They won't have the power they have had; they'll have the strength, but not the bulk of past Alabama teams. They have Hurt; they have the finest and deepest back court in the league; and they have quick forwards."

Kentucky head coach Joe Hall: "I think Alabama is definitely a contender, good enough to be considered in the national picture. They have a lot of depth, quickness and explosiveness. And I hear Wimp is pleased with the way they have been working. I know when I'm pleased with the way my team is working I'm going to have a good team."

LSU head coach Dale Brown: "Don't let him fool you; Wimp really didn't come in on a turnip truck. He is a very talented coach who has brought excellent basketball players to Alabama for many years. His job last year was a difficult one and he got it done. Alabama continues to have a good inside game."

Ole Miss head coach Lee Hunt, new in the league this year but aware of Alabama's program since he was formerly assistant coach at UAB: "I think Alabama is going to be an outstanding basketball team. The league is very strong with three teams in the top twenty, and Alabama should be in the top ten. Coach Sanderson does a good job down there."

Mississippi State head coach Bob Boyd: "I think Alabama's program this year will be able to absorb the loss of some very important players and be one of the best teams in our league. Wimp did an outstanding job last year in putting the pieces together with a senior-freshman type team, which is often very difficult. Alabama proved best in our tournament last year and I think they have the potential this year."

Tennessee head coach Don DeVoe: "I think Alabama has an excellent chance to finish no lower than third in this league. They have a chance to win it, and a better chance to finish second, but certainly no worse than third. There are two factors: one, they have a winning tradition; and, two, they have Whatley and Hurt."

Vanderbilt head coach C. M. Newton, who was head coach at Bama when about half of this year's team was recruited: "I think they'll be good. Everybody talks about centers, but you are only as good as your back court. Whatley, Richardson, Mike (Davis), Eddie (Adams), if he's able to come back, and Vance (Wheeler) gives Alabama a real quality back court. Their concern is having young players inside and a lack of inside depth; but no one's got backup people as good as their front liners. They know how to win. Wimp does a good job and they'll be very competitive."

ship and tournament banners in the arena, bringing up to date Alabama accomplishments in recent years. Yes, there is a SEC Tournament championship reminder from last year for opposing teams to ponder, as well as one paying tribute to a team that last year played in the NCAA Tournament.

### Poll Predictions

Alabama basketball has received kisses of death in recent weeks, if only

planted on the cheek. Several national publications have predicted the Crimson Tide will finish in the top 20 this season, with one picking Alabama to finish as high as second.

"I'm a heckuva lot more concerned with where we are at the end of the season that where such 'experts' expect us to be," says coach Sanderson. "Everybody is a champion before the opening tip. It's what happens at the end that counts."

For the record, and much to the despair of the coach, Alabama has been picked to finish third in the Southeastern Conference.

SEC coaches selected Tide guard Ennis Whatley to the six-man pre-season all-star team.

### Dismissals

Coach Bryant dismissed three running backs from the team prior to the Auburn game. Seniors Kenny Simon, Earl Collins and Charlie Williams were removed from the team for the final game plus the bowl game. Simon, a halfback, and Collins, a fullback, had seen limited duty on offense this year, but both were first teamers on kickoff teams. Williams, also a fullback, had played only with the junior varsity this year.

### Cage Signee

Alabama signed one prep star during the eight-day early (November 10-17) signing period. The Tide has received his national letter-of-intent. Fred Burton, a 6-5½, 210-pound power forward from Lewis High School in New York, is one of

the top players in the strong city league. He averaged over 25 points per game and had one game of over 50 points and a half dozen of over 40 as a junior.

At least as important as getting a top player, it gives Bama a name and access into the nation's top prep basketball spawning ground.

### Lowery Links Leader

Senior Steve Lowery led Alabama to a record of 71-10 in fall golf activity. The Tide won its final match of the year, the Dixie Invitational at Columbus, Georgia, with Lowery taking his second individual title of the fall season. Lowery also won at the Memphis Invitational as Alabama finished fourth. Bama had another fourth in the East Tennessee State University Invitational and a sixth at the Augusta Collegiate.

### Press Guides

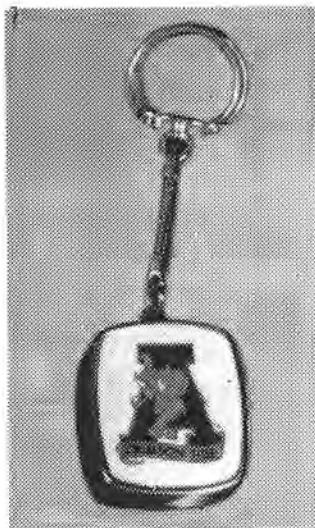
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### Cagers Open

Alabama's acceptance of a Liberty Bowl did probably killed what little chance there may have been for the telecast of Bama in the Winston Tire Classic in Los Angeles. Thinking there may have been a chance for a game matching Alabama (if the Tide got by host Southern Cal on December 28) and Georgetown on December 29, some preliminary work had been done towards the end of a statewide telecast. But it's the same night as the Liberty Bowl.

Bama opened its season unofficially with a 97-84 victory over Marathon Oil in an exhibition game November 20. There was good and bad in the performance. Bama obviously has some skilled players, but the mix and match lineup against a team the Tide realized in the first couple of minutes it was going to beat made for a sometimes lackluster performance.

There were glimpses of excellence. Ennis Whatley showed why he is making pre-season All-America teams; Mike Davis shot extremely well; Cliff Windham gave a typical yeoman effort; and Bobby Lee Hurt scored and rebounded well considering the Marathon defense that targeted him.



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# Letters To The Editor

Dear 'BAMA:

In the Alabama Season Statistics under Net Yards Passing, Had Intercepted, Opponents, you show one less under Passes Intercepted, Alabama. The interceptions by Alabama players listed individually also total one more than the team totals show opponents have had intercepted. Which is correct?

C. P. Senna  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

The apparent discrepancy is merely a bookkeeping situation. Against Vanderbilt the official scorer determined that a Vandy pass was completed and then a hard hit by Rocky Colburn caused a fumble. The fumble was caught in the air by Jeremiah Castille, who returned it for several yards. That return yardage has to be categorized and the only place for it is in interceptions. So Castille is credited with an interception, even though the opponents are not charged with having suffered an interception.

Dear 'BAMA:

Could you help me? I would like to buy copies of Alabama games on VHS Tapes. Especially some of the games in the

earley seventies. If there is any one I could contact about these tapes, please let me know.

O'Neal Thigpen  
Rogersville, Alabama

Dear 'BAMA:

Living here in New Orleans and being a Tide fan has made it difficult to keep up with Alabama football. I wonder if you know of any company or individual who produces Bama games on cassette tape? I also wondered whether anyone had ever thought of producing an Alabama football music tape featuring the Million Dollar Band. It could have Alabama's alma fight song and other football melodies.

Lonnie Wadsworth  
New Orleans, Louisiana

The best sources we know of for VHS videotapes of Alabama football games is C. K. Briner Jr., 505 Inverness Lane, Birmingham, AL 35243. He has all telecasts since 1977 Alabama-Southern Cal, plus ESPN telecasts the past three years. He also has radio broadcast tapes since 1973.

Concerning the Alabama football record, one such album was produced in 1976 but has since been discontinued.

However, a 45 rpm record featuring the Million Dollar Band playing "Yea Alabama" and the alma mater is still being produced and is available at University Supply Store.

Dear 'BAMA:

I have one of the prints of Alabama's goalline stand against Penn State in the 1979 Sugar Bowl and I would appreciate it if you would name all the Alabama players in the picture that were involved. I think I know the names of all of them except number 24, but I'm not sure.

Stanley Maddox  
Horton, Alabama

In photographs and paintings of the famous play several of the numbers on helmets are distorted perhaps because the adhesive numbers had been mussed or because of chin straps showing as part of the number or because of the angle of the view. Tide players involved in the most popular version of the print are (left to right): 27 cornerback Don McNeal, 19 strong safety Murray Legg, 96 tackle Marty Lyons, 77 linebacker Barry Krauss, 36 linebacker Rich Wingo, 47 (it appears to be 43) tackle Byron Braggs and 74 (it appears to be 24) tackle David Hannah.

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## Men's Basketball

97	Marathon Oil Exhibition	84
Nov. 29	Middle Tennessee State	
Dec. 4	Texas Tech (Birmingham)	
Dec. 6	Southern Methodist	
Dec. 11	@ Penn State	
Dec. 18	Louisiana Tech	
Dec. 20	Texas Southern	
Dec. 28-29	Winston Tire Classic (Georgetown, Southern Cal, Wisconsin)	
Jan. 3	@ Florida	
Jan. 5	@ Auburn	
Jan. 8	Kentucky	
Jan. 11	Vanderbilt	
Jan. 15	@ Georgia	
Jan. 18	@ Tennessee	
Jan. 22	LSU	
Jan. 24	Mississippi	
Jan. 28	@ UCLA	
Jan. 31	@ Mississippi State	
Feb. 5	@ Kentucky	
Feb. 8	@ Vanderbilt	
Feb. 12	Georgia	
Feb. 14	Tennessee	
Feb. 19	@ LSU	
Feb. 21	@ Mississippi	
Feb. 26	Mississippi State	
March 3	Florida	
March 6	Auburn	
March 9-12	SEC Tournament (Birmingham)	
Marh 17-20	NCAA First Round	
March 24-27	NCAA Regionals	
April 2-4	NCAA Finals (Albuquerque, N.M.)	

## Women's Basketball

81	Troy State	60
Nov. 23	@ Georgia Tech	
Dec. 1	@ Memphis State	
Dec. 4	@ Georgia State	
Dec. 6	Florida State	
Dec. 9-11	@ Lady Techster Dial (Auburn, Cheyney State Illinois State, Northwestern Louisiana, Tulane, Louisiana Tech)	
Dec. 17	Tennessee-Chattanooga	
Jan. 3	North Carolina	
Jan. 5	@ Auburn	
Jan. 9	Western Kentucky	
Jan. 12	South Alabama	
Jan. 14	@ DePaul	
Jan. 16	@ Notre Dame	
Jan. 18	Kentucky	
Jan. 22	Louisiana State	
Jan. 24	Mississippi	
Jan. 26	@ Troy State	
Jan. 29	@ Mississippi State	
Feb. 2	@ South Alabama	
Feb. 9	Auburn	
Feb. 16	@ Florida (Pensacola)	
Feb. 19	@ Louisiana State	
Feb. 21	@ Mississippi	
Feb. 26	Mississippi	
March 3-6	SEC Championship @ Tennessee	

## Women's Gymnastics

Jan. 14	Auburn, LSU, Minnesota
Jan. 22	@ Florida
Jan. 27	@ Penn State
Jan. 29	@ West Virginia
Feb. 4-5	Red & White Classic (Alabama, Georgia, Maryland, Nebraska, Ohio State)
Feb. 9	@ Jacksonville State
Feb. 11	North Carolina
Feb. 18-19	SEC Championship @ Florida
Feb. 25	Auburn
March 4	Illinois-Chicago Circle
March 10	Georgia, Missouri
March 25	NCAA Regionals @ Florida
April 8-9	NCAA Nationals @ Utah

## Men's Indoor Track

Jan. 15	@ Kodak Invitational (Johnson City, Tenn.)
Jan. 22	@ Mississippi Invitational (Jackson, Miss.)
Jan. 30	@ LSU Invitational (Florida, State, Houston, Texas A&M)
Feb. 5	@ Indiana Invitational
Feb. 12	@ Montgomery Invitational
Feb. 26-27	SEC Championships @ LSU
March 12	NCAA Championships @ Pontiac, Michigan

## Women's Swimming

88	@ Indiana	64
86	@ Southern Illinois	53
97	Kansas	51
Dec. 2	Florida, South Carolina	
Dec. 3-5	December Invitational	
Jan. 7-9	@ U.S. International Meet	
Jan. 7	Clemson	
Jan. 14	@ Cincinnati	
Jan. 21	Auburn	
Jan. 28	@ LSU	
Jan. 29	@ Tulane	
Feb. 4	@ Tennessee	
Feb. 11-12	Alabama Invitational	
Feb. 24-26	SEC Championship	
March 17-19	NCAA Championship (Lincoln, Nebraska)	

## Men's Swimming

66	@ Indiana	48
63	@ Southern Illinois	50
75	Kansas	37
Dec. 2	Florida, South Carolina	
Dec. 3-5	December Invitational	
Jan. 7-9	@ U.S. International Meet	
Jan. 7	Clemson	
Jan. 14	@ Cincinnati	
Jan. 22	Auburn	
Jan. 28	@ Southern Mississippi (split squad)	
Jan. 28	@ LSU (split squad)	
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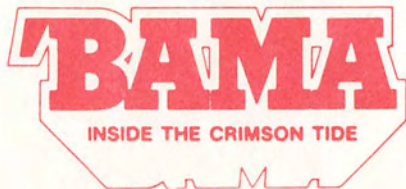
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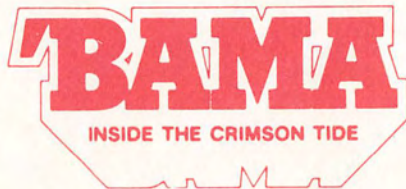
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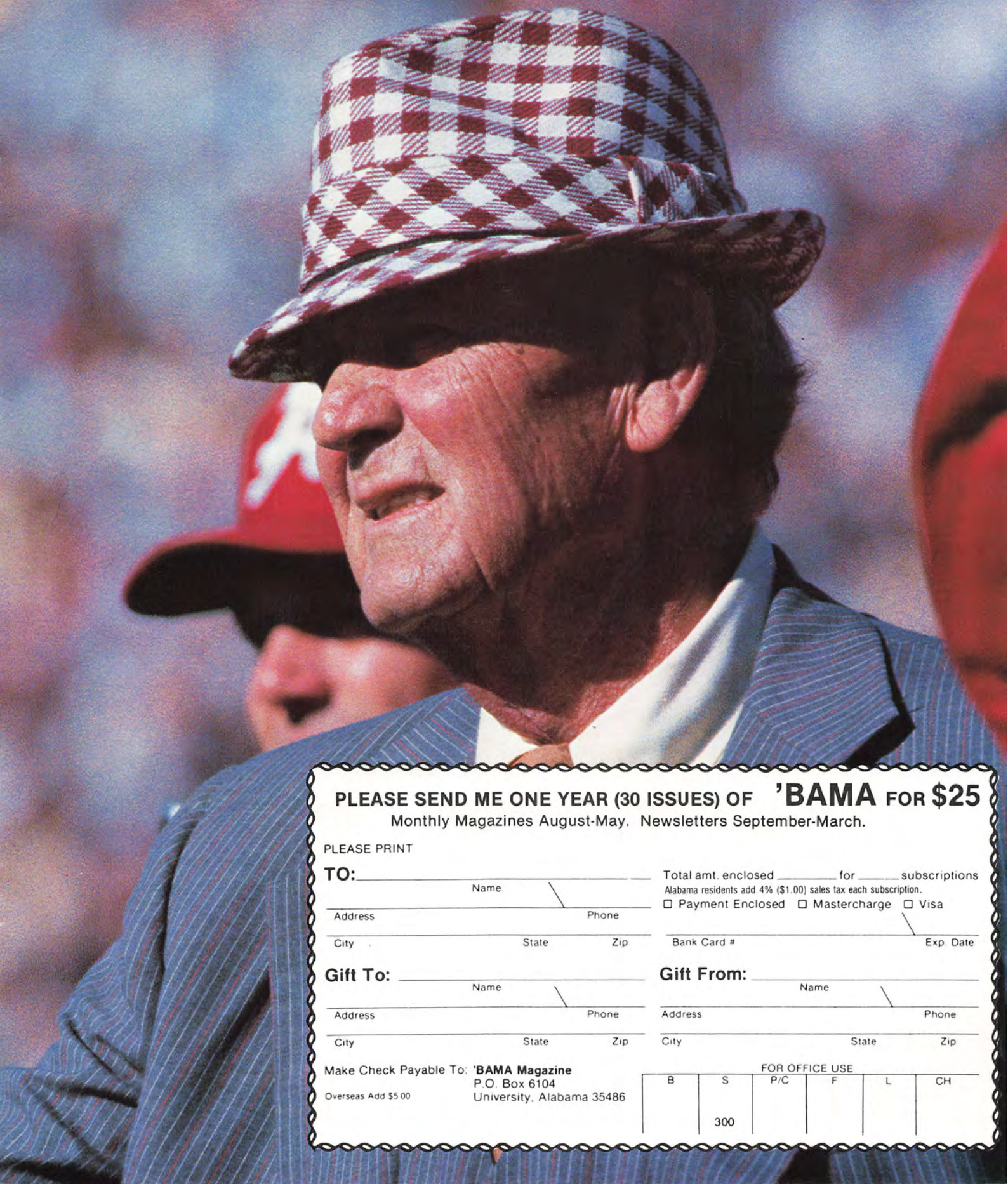
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